

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, with the following replacement paragraph:

FIGS. 2A and 2B are cross-sectional views of the bag sealing apparatus 10 of FIGS. 1 and 2 that show alternative cross-sectional configurations for the apparatus 10. In FIG. 2A, the lugs 20 extend more outwardly from the receiver portion 14 than the embodiment shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. In FIG. 2B, the lugs 20 extend downwardly from the receiver portion 14, and also extend outwardly from the receiver portion 14 at a location that is spaced apart from the opening 18, such that indented gripping surfaces 21 are provided between the lugs 20 and the ridges 19.